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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:  
Apostolopoulos

Serial no. 09/352,227

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For: BRIDGE PLATFORM

Art Unit: 3634

Examiner: A. Chen-Shue

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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2000, please amend the claims of the above-identified application as follows:

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, and 15 to 20.

Claim 21 (amended). In combination with a bridge having a deck, a platform disposed below said bridge deck and attached to said bridge and extending along a portion of the bridge for supporting persons performing work on the bridge portion and for collecting debris resulting from the work, the platform comprising:

- a) a plurality of cables extending along said bridge and in spaced relation to each other and in a plane substantially parallel to the plane of said bridge deck;
- b) means at each end of said cables for securing said